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JUSTICE COURT MAY REMAIN IN TORRANCE

SECOND JUSTICE APPOINTED TO SERVE SOUTHERN DIST.

Judge A. F. Monroe Named By Board of Supervisors Monday to Preside At Inglewood; Carrall Will Handle Cases In Southern Half of New Township

Torrance and the southern half of the new consolidated Inglewood township was granted a justice court of its own under the terms of an ordinance adopted late Monday afternoon by the board of supervisors. The supervisors granted the enlarged township, effective January 7, a second justice of the peace on recommendation of the bureau of efficiency.

Chairman John R. Quinn a few minutes later appointed Albert F. Monroe, veteran justice of Inglewood, as the second justice of the peace. Monroe was defeated by Frank Carrall of Gardena at the election held November 6. Each will receive a salary of \$350 per month. Monroe will be retained to preside at the justice court in Inglewood to serve the northern half of the new township. Carrall will hold court for the southern half. Location of the new court is expected to be left up to the bureau of efficiency to decide.

It was believed at the Hall of Justice last night that the new court will be located in Torrance since this city is the central point of the annexed townships of Lomita, Gardena, La Rambla and Redondo Beach.

Woman Injured As Car Strikes Pole

Mrs. Grace Johns, 2952 Oak street, Lomita, was brought to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Friday night, after an automobile accident in Waverly, when her car struck a telephone pole. Mrs. Johns was severely lamed and shaken and may have fractured some ribs. She stated that she turned out to avoid a pedestrian and struck the pole.

Disincorporation Move Is Opposed

Opposition to the proposed disincorporation of the city of Hawthorne, which movement is now under way, was determined upon at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The chamber voted to raise a cash fund among the citizens of Hawthorne, a majority of whom have indicated their disapproval of the move.

Mayor's Proclamation

Calling upon the citizens of Torrance to recognize the motive of Christmas Seals, Mayor Scott R. Ludlow issued the annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation urging the generous use of the seals this year on all holiday letters and packages.

The document reads: WHEREAS—Thanksgiving Day was first observed as a day of thanks for deliverance from unknown dangers lurking in the wilderness,

AND WHEREAS—today there is still a danger that lurks in the "wilderness" visible only under the microscope, namely, a disease, tuberculosis,

AND WHEREAS—we today may give thanks that scientific achievements have made possible our deliverance from the ravages of this disease provided that we but take advantage of the means at hand to prevent its attack, therefore,

I, MAYOR of Torrance do hereby call upon the citizens of this municipality to be generous in their use of Christmas Seals on all letters and packages during the coming holiday season inasmuch as the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association from its sale of Christmas Seals provide the much needed services that will protect our children against tuberculosis, through physical and x-ray examinations for every school child with follow-up supervision of their nutrition and health habits.

(Signed) SCOTT R. LUDLOW
Mayor of Torrance

Big Increase In Christmas Club Savings

Local Depositors to Be Paid 2 1/2 Times Total For Last Year

Checks totaling \$15,000 in Christmas club savings accounts will be mailed the day following Thanksgiving to local depositors of the Torrance branch, Bank of America, J. W. Leach, manager, stated today. The checks will be placed in the mail Friday and should be in the hands of depositors Saturday, December 1.

Christmas club savings in Torrance this year are two and one-half times the amount disbursed last December, when only \$6000 was paid to depositors. The substantial gain is interpreted as reflecting a sound financial standing on the part of Torrance citizens and will no doubt result in a big increase in Christmas buying.

Payrolls in a number of local industrial plants are also much larger than a year ago. More men are employed and a number of the more important industrial plants have increased hourly wage rates.

Throughout the state, the various branches of the Bank of America will pay out four million dollars in Christmas club accounts to seventy thousand Californians.

Christmas Seal Drive To Begin On Thanksgiving

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the first tuberculosis sanatorium in the United States the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association are completing their plans for the 28th Christmas Seal Sale which starts on Thanksgiving Day, when seals will be mailed to residents of Torrance. Each seal may be identified by the crimson double-barred cross as well as a replica of the first sanatorium in the United States built by Edward Livingston Trudeau in 1885 which is affectionately called "Little Red" because of its size and color. Trudeau's work marks the beginning of a splendid movement for the cure and prevention of tuberculosis which has been carried on by the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated locals for 27 years.

"Today the most effective means of preventing tuberculosis is through work among school children to find those who are in danger and prevent their breakdown," states Mrs. R. L. Adamson, president of the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association. "Unemployment brings about a serious tuberculosis problem, and children, through lack of proper care and crowded housing, fall ready victims to the disease.

"One out of every 35 children already has the disease as shown by the work of the association last year among 3218 school children. Unless tuberculosis is checked at the start, many children will develop tuberculosis, most of whom can be saved if sufficient funds are available for chest x-rays, physical examinations and nutrition services, so that those in danger can be given the proper care.

Improvement of Gould Lane Ordered

Allocation of \$15,000 for the improvement of Gould lane, between Sepulveda boulevard and Santa Fe avenue, was voted by the board of supervisors this week. The improvement lies within the cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

Let's Make This A Good Old Fashioned Thanksgiving



ADJUSTMENT OF GAS RATES TAKEN UP BY 3 COMPANIES

Survey Discloses Sharp Discrepancy in Rates of Adjoining Districts In Southern California; Railroad Commission, Board of Public Utilities and Companies Meet

First steps towards possible adjustment of gas rates in Torrance will be taken at a meeting of representatives of the Board of Public Utilities, the Railroad Commission, and the three major gas companies, which will be held this week, according to an announcement made today by S. M. Lanham, valuation engineer of the public utilities board.

A survey just completed by Lanham shows sharp differences in rates in districts which adjoin each other. The meeting to be held is the outcome of recommendations which the survey contained and which was adopted by the board of public utilities. Lanham's report states that there is need for "a general plan to make changes where there is discrimination."

If a general plan for readjustment is adopted it will include all districts which are partially or wholly in the Los Angeles area and that includes this city. The gas companies involved are the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company, the Southern California Gas Company, and the Southern Counties Gas Company.

Lanham states that there are eight different rates in effect in different localities. The difference in rates is especially great where districts with "block" type rates adjoin with "straight line" rates.

According to the survey the rates in the outlying districts tend to be higher because the market is not as condensed. The survey recommends uniformity and states that "there should be no difference in rates."

Former Mayor of Redondo Beach Dies Saturday

Dr. John M. Clarke Succumbs to Heart Attack; Ill Several Weeks

Dr. John M. Clarke, age 67, former mayor of Redondo Beach, died early Saturday morning of a heart attack at his home, 106 Pearl street. Dr. Clarke had suffered several slight attacks during the past few weeks but his condition had not been regarded as serious.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock from St. Andrew's Church of the Flowers, Rev. Leslie Hill, vicar of the Episcopal church in charge of religious rites.

Dr. Clarke was born in New York City, and came to California a number of years ago. He studied medicine in Los Angeles, and practiced for several years. He also taught at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

He took up residence in Redondo Beach 13 years ago, where in April, 1920, he was elected to the city council and was named as mayor, which position he filled until last spring.

He was an active member of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, and served as vice president and treasurer of the organization, also chairman of the State street committee. In this connection he was instrumental in securing the improvement of Elena street in Redondo Beach, a link of the Roosevelt highway. He took an active interest and worked for many other civic projects in his home city.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Martha M. Clarke, of Redondo Beach, a son, George M. Clarke, of Long Beach, and a sister residing in New York City.

SERA ENGINEERS CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR FLOOD RELIEF

District Along Lomita Boulevard the Largest of Eight Applications for Work; Job Would Give 100 Days Employment to 523 Men

Indication that the SERA may shortly approve improvement projects where materials would be furnished were seen today when it was learned that SERA engineers were giving serious consideration to eight applications pending for various sections of the county.

Larger of these applications is the Lomita storm drain, to serve Lomita and Harbor City, estimated to cost \$478,210. The county's application was filed last October 19.

Other projects are in City Terrace, Altadena, and in addition there are applications pending for five sanitary sewer jobs. The Lomita project would offer employment to 523 men, of whom 463 would be laborers, for approximately 100 days, according to the application filed last October 19. The drain pipe would vary in size from 3 1/2 feet to five feet, and 15,767 feet would be laid.

The water to be taken care of drains off the slope north of Lomita boulevard, and in heavy rains some 400 acres are inundated. Lomita boulevard for more than a mile east of Hawthorne avenue is completely under water at times, the application points out, and the Doherty Stone Drill Company plant is forced to employ pumps to clear their plant. The water eventually reaches Bigby slough or soaks into the ground. The proposed project would afford temporary but immediate relief, the application states.

Do Christmas Shopping Early Says Fire Chief

Avoid Purchase of Cheap Electrical Toys and Combustible Trinkets

"Do your Christmas shopping early—but do it wisely," cautions Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson and the Torrance fire department. In explaining their statement, they point out that by shopping wisely they mean shopping from a fire safety standpoint. Chief Stevenson stated that during the past few years various toy electric irons, stoves and other devices have been placed on the market and are recommended for Christmas presents to children. Many parents and friends give these toys to little children and it furnishes them with a means of injuring themselves and destroying property.

In addition to the fire hazard, it is pointed out that such devices are usually fitted with inferior wiring, which has a tendency to break down and cause short circuits, which may result in severe electrical shock to kiddies.

"Another great Christmas toy danger is that presented by celluloid articles," says Chief Stevenson. "These are highly inflammable and before giving a child a toy of this nature or before hanging one on your Christmas tree, be sure that it is not made of this substance."

The Christmas holidays in Torrance will be much safer, Stevenson said, if local storekeepers will not stock dangerous articles and citizens do not buy them.

Union Services

Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock in the First Christian church, in which the Christian, First Baptist, First Methodist and Central Evangelical church will join.

The program will include an anthem by the Christian church choir, congregational singing of hymns, Scripture reading by Rev. Kemp J. Winkler, of the M. E. church.

Prayer for the special service will be offered by Rev. O. D. Wonder, of Central church. Rev. John B. Speed, of the Baptist church, will deliver the sermon, his topic, "A Real Thanksgiving."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

OTHER SERVICES
Holy communion will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal church at 9 o'clock, Rev. F. Murray Clayton, vicar, officiating.

At the Catholic Church of the Nativity, one mass for the day will be held at 9 o'clock. There will be no early services.

The Christian Science church will hold Thanksgiving Day services at their meeting place, Border and El Prado, at 10:30 o'clock.